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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's 29 September Briefing of the NSC Regarding  
the Indonesian Election

The Director noted that the Indonesian election had begun on 29 September, although the complete returns would be unavailable for about a month. The Director said that pre-election predictions generally held that the pro-Western Masjumi Party would get a plurality of the vote. He had no confidence, however, in the pre-election forecasts. In the first place, this is a country with a large percentage of illiterates. Further, this is the first election that has been held there. Because of these variables, he could make no accurate prediction on the outcome.

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